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Minden Hills cuts arena jobs

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The township of Minden Hills is down two staff members after the manager of the Minden arena and the building's lead hand lost their jobs last week.

Minden Hills's director of community services, Rick Cox, said the job losses were layoffs as part of a restructuring of his department.

"The restructuring was not a reflection of the gentlemen's performance," Cox said.

Nor was the decision linked to in-camera discussions council members and staff had earlier this month dealing with the township's budget, he said.

Cox said the duties of the two men, which also include upkeep of the township's parks and cemeteries, would be taken over by him and the remaining members of his department.

Reeve Jim McMahon said there are more changes in store for the Minden arena.

"To be honest, this is only the beginning of a restructuring of the arena," McMahon said. "I don't want to say too much about it [at this time]."

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Love those llamas!

Eleven-year-old Tamara Rae made a friend in Sandy, a llama from the Nordic Inn who made a guest appearance at the Dorset Snowball. The annual winter carnival was again a resounding success, attracting hundreds of people to the hamlet at the northernmost tip of Haliburton County. There are more photos on page 16 and even more on our photo gallery at www.mindentimes.ca. /Photo by Chad Ingram

Pan Am Games may be coming to Minden

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

If Toronto is successful in its bid to host the 2015 Pan Am Games, then kayakers from the North to South Pole might be racing down the Gull River north of Minden.

The Minden Wild Water Preserve is the proposed site for the kayaking and canoeing slalom races should the games come to Canada.

The 100-acre natural preserve is owned and operated by Whitewater Ontario and while there are challenges to overcome to get the races to come to Minden, its executive say the positive benefits will have a long-term impact.

"It's a gem, an asset not only to the Minden and Haliburton communities but an Ontario asset," says Jim Tayler, president of Whitewater Ontario, in a telephone interview from his home in Ottawa.

Tayler's son Michael is an Olympic hopeful and the family, including a daughter who races, loves coming to the Minden course.

"It's a stretch of water that has something for everyone," he says. "The upper part can be a challenge for slalom racers but the bigger the challenge the more fun they have. It's big water and their technical and physical skills are tested."

Claudia Van Wijk, the association's vice-president and an Olympic kayak race commentator for the CBC, says "The preserve

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Standing from left are Paul Rosebush, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services; Dale Walker, HHHS Foundation executive director; auxiliary members Theresa Carrell and Joan Stinson; Marg Risk, chair of the HHHS board; foundation board member David Zilstra; and Don Popple, campaign co-chair.

The next phase of the \$2.5 million is to raise money to put stationary lifts in all the rooms at each site. The lifts cost \$10,000 each.

Martha Perkins/TIMES



Community helps hospitals enter the 21st century

Last week the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation announced that its \$2.5 million fundraising campaign had reached the first stage of its conclusion.

The campaign has raised \$731,298, enough to pay for a Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS) for

both the Minden and Haliburton sites. These digital X-ray machines have brought the local healthcare system into the 21st century, allowing X-rays to be sent electronically to specialists around the province.

Martha Perkins

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Police recover bike racks

Haliburton Highlands OPP have recovered two bicycle racks that were stolen from Archie Stouffer Elementary School on February 10.

Detachment spokesman Const. Mark McMaster said officers were able to locate the stolen property after a call from a citizen who had observed two youths loading the racks into the back of a pickup truck.

McMaster said no charges have been laid and extended his thanks to the public in helping solve the crime.

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North Shore Road wins its battle to be a quiet country road

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The speed limit on North Shore Road will drop from 60 km/h to 50 km/h after a decision by Algonquin Highlands council last week.

The decision was made at a February 19 council meeting in response to a letter from the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association.

"Over the past number of years the traffic levels along North Shore Road have increased dramatically," wrote association president Paul MacInnes. "The residents have witnessed, with increasing concern, that vehicles are travelling at speeds that do not allow for the safety of residents and visitors."

MacInnes noted that the road is a residential one that sees a high level of pedestrian traffic, especially in the area around Maple Lake, on a year-round basis.

"As such it is crossed by children and pets at play," he wrote. "The road also has a number of blind corners such as the one west of the boat launch on Beech Lake."

Councillors agreed that the road is heavily walked by fulltime and seasonal residents and councillor Carol Moffatt said the issue had been ongoing for years.

The township's operations director, Brian Whetstone, said it would be important for the township to notify the Haliburton Highlands OPP of the change, so that the area could be properly monitored.

"The most people they catch are the local people," Whetstone said, cautioning that some area residents may not be happy about the change once they are pulled over for speeding.

"Personally, I don't think [speed limit signs] are effective, but if it's council's wish, I'll put them up."

Whetstone said the signage changes would cost approximately \$2,600, plus labour costs. The costs for the change will appear in next year's budget, councillors agreed.

While the association's letter also included a request that the speed limit in the area between St. Peter's Road and Generation Trail be lowered to 40 km/h, councillors voted to keep the speed limit there at 50km/h for the sake of consistency.

North Shore road connects Hwy. 35 to Airport Road north of Carnarvon.



Matt James file photo/TIMES

A River Needs To Run, set on the day of Minden's hydroelectric dam was unveiled in 1935, debuted at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last August. A DVD about how it was made has just been released by Highlands Media Arts.

Film documents the making of a play

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A small group of people gathered at Minden's R.D. Lawrence Place on February 19 to take in a locally produced documentary.

The Making of a River Needs to Run is a behind-the-scenes look at, well, the making of *A River Needs to Run*, a play penned by local playwright Michael Fay that debuted in Minden last summer.

The documentary was produced by George Farrell of Highlands Media Arts.

"What we do, basically, is we make videos as opposed to film," Farrell said, adding that the company tries to keep a focus on the events happening in the county, in an attempt to compose a sort of visual history for the area.

The play is set on the day of the opening of Minden's hydroelectric dam in 1935.

"What wonderful talent we have here in Haliburton County," Farrell continued, noting that the area is home to a number of writers, actors, directors, costume-makers, set-painters and makeup artists.

"All of these people were able to be brought together during the course of this."

Fay expressed his gratitude to Farrell, adding that while he's authored a number of plays in his time, he's only had few experiences working in movies.

"It was a real pleasure making the film," he said, adding that it was exciting to use new technology in the building of a short, multiple-narrative.

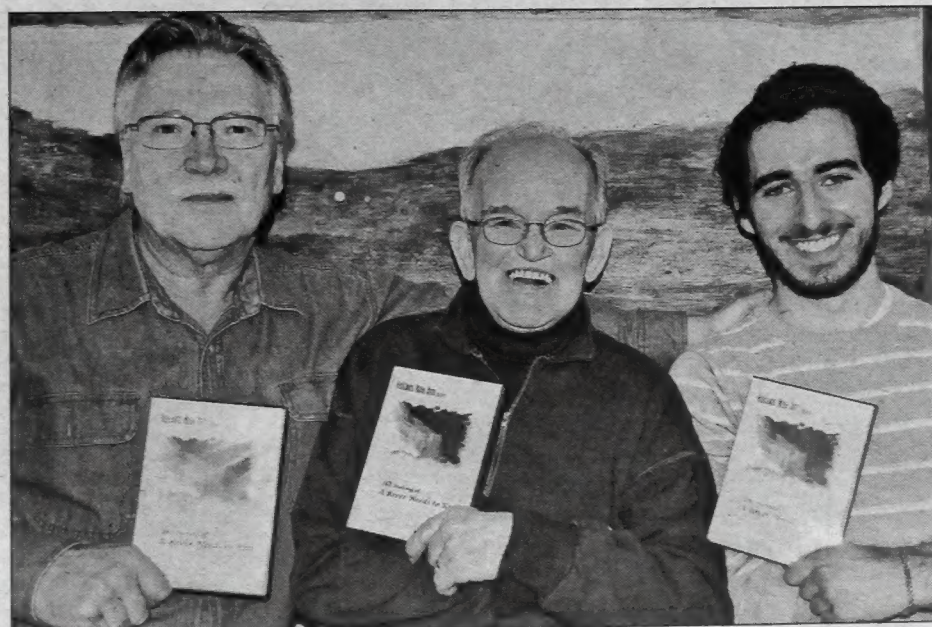
The documentary is approximately 15 minutes long.

Fay also expressed gratitude for Mark Johnston, the University of Toronto theatre student, who directed the play.

"It was a great opportunity for him to shape what a play is going to look like from the beginning," he said. "He created a nice vision of what the play is."

Johnston, a Haliburton native, has acted in Fay's productions before and was sought out by the playwright to direct the play.

"It was a great learning experience," Johnston said.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Filmmaker George Farrell, left, of Highlands Media Arts along with playwright Michael Fay and director Mark Johnston display copies of *The Making of A River Needs to Run*, a documentary that follows the creation Fay's play about the Gull River dam.

Seven candidates attend debate

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Candidates running in the March 5 provincial byelection in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock took questions from the public at a debate on February 19.

Nearly 200 people showed up for the event, which took place in the ballroom at Haliburton's Delta Pinestone Resort.

Seven candidates, including Ontario PC leader John Tory, Liberal candidate Rick Johnson, the NDP's Lyn Edwards, Mike Schreiner of the Green Party, Freedom Party candidate Bill Denby, Jake Pothaar of the Family Coalition Party and independent Jason Taylor, took part in the two-hour discussion.

Despite a few verbal jabs here and there, the debate unfolded in a generally calm fashion and it was difficult to determine if the evening had a clear winner.

Saying that "something is rotten in the province of Ontario," one man asked candidates for their view on electoral reform.

"The real problem lies with what goes on in parliament and not how we elect people there," said Tory, adding that he thinks MPPs should be granted the right to vote freely except on confidence motions.

"I think we have to fix what goes on in the provincial parliament first," he said.

Taylor said politics must be made more accessible for people, especially for young people.

"We need to look at who's not voting," he said.

Proportional representation is a sys-

tem long-advocated by the Green Party, Schreiner said, adding that it was the type of system that would appeal more to young people.

Pothaar thought too much power is going to unelected commissions under Ontario's current system.

"People are not voting because they're disillusioned," was Johnson's response. "This byelection is the reason they're not voting."

Though never mentioning his name, Johnson made a number of insinuations towards Tory during the evening.

"They're not looking for backroom deals," Johnson said of voters.

Edwards referred to Ontario's single-member plurality system as "archaic," and said the NDP believes that electoral reform must take place.

Denby, for his part, said politics is too controlled by partisanship.

"Candidates talk, but they walk the party line when they get elected," he said.

Another resident wanted to know where candidates stood on the issue of private health care.

"I'm against privatized health care," Johnson said, adding that public health care was a fundamental part of Canada. He said it was important that governments continue to invest in local hospitals.

"We need to consider every option as long as it can be the best way to get things done," Tory said, adding that there still needed to be protections to ensure people didn't pay to get faster health care. "No credit cards, no cash, just an OHIP card."

Edwards was strongly opposed to privatized health care and criticized the current Liberal government for what she said is inadequate management of the province's medical facilities.

"The LHIN (Local Health Integrated Network) is not for our people," she said.

Taylor, a Cannington resident, said he had spent 10 years in Florida and had seen how the American health care system functions.

"Private health care is for profit," he said. "It does not work."

Denby believed in public health care but thinks there is use for private practices as well, while Pothaar thought parents need to teach their children good health practices at home to decrease reliance on the provincial system.

Schreiner said he didn't believe in what's known as public-private partnerships.

"P3s don't work," he said.

Schreiner was also questioned by local resident Doug Smith on his views about democracy.

Smith, who ran as the riding's Green candidate in the 2007 provincial election, wanted to know why Schreiner had simply been appointed and why the party had not gone through a nomination process.

"The Green Party provincial executive asked me to run in the byelection," responded Schreiner, who owns and operates a local food delivery business in Toronto and has been a policy writer for the party for a number of years. "They didn't have a riding association in good standing in this riding."

A number of residents asked questions

about candidates' views on nuclear power amidst possibility that a uranium mine could be constructed in Haliburton County.

Most candidates expressed outright disdain for the idea of a mine in the area and a desire to move away from nuclear energy and employ clean power-generation methods such as wind turbines and solar panels.

While Tory agrees with the uranium mining moratorium to allow the health and environmental effects to be studied more closely, he thinks nuclear power must remain a part of "the mix" since Ontario's power demands are so high.

Tory also criticized the Liberal government, saying it should be setting an example by retrofitting its buildings and vehicle fleets with environmentally friendly technology and turning out the lights of its buildings at night.

Meanwhile, Taylor said he would "go out on a limb" and support a uranium mine in the area, adding that it could create jobs that would help the area get through the current economic slump.

The economy, the environment and agriculture were also discussed by candidates. There is a full question-and-answer story on the *Minden Times*' website, www.minden-times.ca.

The byelection was called after former MPP Laurie Scott's announcement in early January that she would abandon her seat to allow Tory, who is currently without a seat in Queen's Park, a chance at carrying the riding.



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No lack of candidates for byelection

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

There are nine candidates running in the March 5 byelection. Besides the big four – PC, Liberal, NDP and Green – there are five other candidates who have unique platforms looking for votes. This is a brief summary of who those candidates are and what they stand for.

Jason Taylor, Independent

Taylor decided to run as soon as he heard former MPP Laurie Scott was quitting. He said he has conservative values, but was insulted that John Tory run in a riding that wasn't his home.

"He's not local; he doesn't know what we need. He doesn't feel it. He doesn't have to live there, his friends aren't the ones getting laid off, his family's not the one without the doctors," he said in an interview.

Taylor works for a phone company and lives in Cannington with his wife and two kids. He describes himself as an average guy who wants to eliminate government waste and assert conservative values.

So what does he know about Haliburton County?

"Have I been to Minden? No. Have I been to Fenelon Falls? Yes. Is Fenelon Falls part

of Haliburton? No? Okay," he said.

"Besides Kawartha Lakes and Brock? Okay, well, I'm mainly focusing on where I live, I know Haliburton's part of it. ... Local jobs. I don't know what Haliburton needs. I know what Kawartha Lakes and Brock need. Haliburton, I'm sure, that Haliburton's in the same boat," he said.

Bill Denby, Freedom Party

Denby has lived in this riding for 50 years. He is a farmer with a meat retail business on his property. He has been married for 32 years and has two kids.

"It is time government started working for the people rather than creating laws that continue to take away their rights bit by bit," Denby's press release says.

He has been working on getting a disintegration plant to move to the riding. His job creation plan includes implementing a contract-based milk export plan, revitalizing the horse-racing industry and developing Highways 407 and 35.

Though he is running for the Freedom Party, he told the *Lindsay Post* that his values don't actually align with the party. Although the Freedom Party wants to privatize health care and education and eliminate income and property taxes Denby doesn't agree with any of that, he said.

Denby ran in the 2007 election and received 0.81 per cent of the votes.

Jake Pothaar, Family Coalition Party

Pothaar moved from Toronto to the Highlands in the 1970s. He has a wife and 10 kids. The Family Coalition Party is an anti-abortion, socially conservative party.

Pothaar said he doesn't think he'll be elected as an MPP, but thinks that by casting a vote for his party you can express your support for "family values."

At the all-candidates meeting Thursday evening, Pothaar said he believes that people should be given \$2,000 a year for health-care costs instead of having the current free system. Pothaar ran for the FCP in the 2007 election and received .75 per cent of votes.

John Turmel, Independent

Turmel holds the Guinness Book of World Records title of most elections contested. He has run 68 times and lost 67 (the other election was cancelled).

Though he doesn't think he'll win the election, he wants to spread the word about a time bond system that could replace the

current monetary system.

"I'm spreading the word about saving the riding" barter currency system, he said.

Turmel talks about swapping time in a barter system and eliminating debt altogether. www.youtube.com/kingofthepaupers

Paolo Fabrizio, Libertarian Party

Fabrizio is running for MPP not because he thinks he'll win, but because he wants to get his libertarian message out.

"I want to see the system get help. It's not a bad thing to ask questions – where do our tax dollars go? We're talking about a government that banned a breed of dogs, so what else can they do?" he said in an interview.

Fabrizio lives in Barrie with his wife and three kids. He works as a pastry chef.

Comparing the government to a gang, who takes your money with no accountability, Fabrizio said people should take care of themselves and each other and not depend on the government.

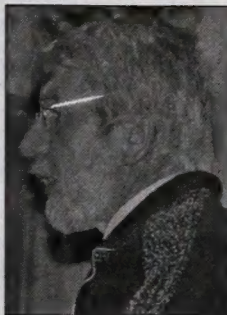
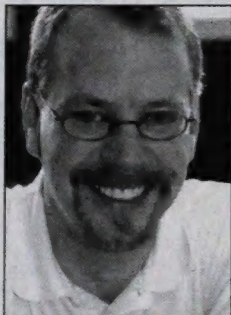
"[The government is] like the legal mafia – you don't ask questions and they do whatever they need," he said.

He has run in four elections previously, twice in Vaughan and twice in Barrie.

Why should you vote for him?

"I'm 36, I've got boyish good looks, does that help?" he said.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

How important is it?

"Local" is a word that has been thrown around a lot during the ongoing byelection campaign in the riding. It was also mentioned a number of times at a candidates' debate at Haliburton's Delta Pinestone Resort last week, as several candidates attempted to elevate themselves above PC candidate John Tory and Green party candidate Mike Schreiner, both of whom reside in Toronto, by emphasizing their residency in the riding.

This begs the question, how important is it that the next MPP for this riding be from this riding?

Yes, it makes sense that people here would want to be represented in Queen's Park by someone who is like them, has a history in the area and is well aware of the concerns of residents here.

However, what does an average person from this riding look like?

Is it a woodlot manager from Haliburton?

A farmer from the City of Kawartha Lakes?

What about a business-owner from Brock?

Geographically massive, the riding encompasses many, many communities with varying values and concerns.

How many Lindsay residents know or care about the concerns of Minden?

Or what, say, does a Cannington resident know about Haliburton County?

Independent candidate and Cannington resident Jason Taylor recently told the *Haliburton Echo* that he really didn't know much about the area.

"Have I been to Minden? No. Have I been to Fenelon Falls? Yes. Is Fenelon Falls part of Haliburton? No? OK," he said.

"Besides Kawartha Lakes and Brock? OK, well, I'm mainly focusing on where I live, I know Haliburton's part of it..."

While describing himself as a "local," Taylor is originally from Scarborough and spent a decade of his life living in Florida.

Meanwhile, Jake Pothaar, the Family Coalition Party candidate and a resident of Haliburton County, told the crowd at the debate that he was unaware of the expansion project at the Stanhope Airport and didn't care to comment on it.

NDP candidate Lyn Edwards has lived in Fenelon Falls and Oakwood, but in an interview with the *Echo*, thought our "mayor" was named "Armstrong."

Liberal candidate Rick Johnson has perhaps been waving the "local" flag most predominantly. The Pontypool resident has been living in the riding for 20 years and is making sure people are aware of it.

But what exactly are the criteria for being a local of this riding?

Must the person have lived in here for five years? Ten? Fifteen?

In America, someone who is born outside of the country's boundaries cannot become the president.

Is someone born outside of this riding forever barred from truly being a local?

While it's important for an MPP to be aware of the issues of his or her constituency, some of the candidates in this race have proven that being a "local" does not necessarily equate to a tight grasp on the issues.

Chad Ingram

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Old man in the wood

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Disgruntled taxpayer wants clarification

To the Editor:

On February 12, as a very concerned taxpayer, I appeared before Minden Hills council to voice my comments regarding the serious management problems within the township office, as well as my disagreement with the proposed increase in the 2009 tax mill rate.

In reporting that appearance in your article entitled "Budget gets revised," in the Feb. 18 issue of the *Minden Times*, Gerry Morrison, CAO of Minden Hills, is quoted, in reference to the information I presented as saying, "the woman's comments are inaccurate."

I welcome and invite Mr. Morrison to correct any inaccuracies I may have expressed publicly.

We all want the truth. We need that to regain confidence in the activities of the Minden Hills office.

Please, elaborate.

The "Disgruntled Taxpayer"
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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Insecurities

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING that says, "Fool me once; shame on you. Fool me twice; shame on me." I think it applies to the guards at a Greek prison who allowed two notorious thugs to escape by helicopter – for the second time in less than five years.

Now I don't claim to know much about prison security but you'd think that after the first helicopter escape the warden might have put some safeguards in place – little things to prevent this sort of incident from ever happening again. He might have considered running a grid of cables over the open spaces, perhaps separating those two partners in crime, or simply chaining them to the ground.

And would it be so unreasonable to expect the guards to be on their toes whenever these two saw open sky? Of course not.

Instead, however, I envision that their conversation on that day went something like this.

"Nick," one guard might have said, "I know I'm just a rookie here, but I have a strong suspicion that those two no-good-

nicks are trying to escape by helicopter again."

"Oh Nick, just because they are wearing aviator glasses, flight suits, and helmets doesn't mean that they are planning to leave in that helicopter that's circling the prison."

"But, they are signalling it down!"

"Show a little trust would you?"

"...and they are standing on the flat roof!"

"So?"

"They've got luggage! Can't you see they've got luggage!"

"That doesn't prove anything."

"But what about the big white H that they painted on the roof?"

"Yeah, looks great, huh? I really like the circle they put around it too. With the strobe lights you can see it for miles, even at night."

"For the love of Zeus! You are still in

denial aren't you? Why not just admit it looks like a helo-pad?"

"Look, I know what you are thinking. But I was in charge of the guard detachment during the last helicopter escape and I can assure you that ...uh, oh boy, there they go..."

To be fair, these criminals were hardened thugs and there is some speculation that some of the guards might have been bribed or extorted. But twice? By helicopter?

All I can say is when your escaping prisoners are earning frequent flyer miles, something is definitely wrong.

Still, who would have ever thought that they'd try the very same trick that worked so well the first time?

It took approximately two years to recapture those convicts after their last helicopter ride. They're career criminals, so the odds are reasonably good that

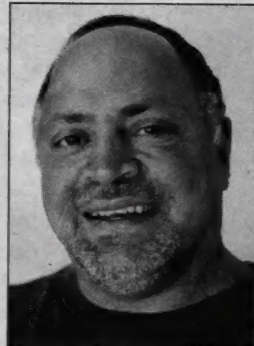
they'll get nabbed again. They'll either get caught robbing a bank or filming a commercial for their favourite helicopter charter company. Then they'll get put away again.

The greater question then is will the prison officials learn anything and extrapolate from all of this. It will do no good if they simply close down the prison helicopter-landing pad. No, they've got to stop them from completing the runway, control tower, and departure terminal too. And it wouldn't hurt if they stopped the light rail transit system leading out of the place too.

Anything that will give convicts with thoughts of escape an edge, in other words.

Perhaps I have been a little too hard on the prison officials though. After all, it can't be easy keeping these hardened anti-social men captive day in and day out. Heck, most career criminals are slippery. But I guess it's even worse in Greece.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Talking on main street

IF I HAD EVER TRIED to earn my living as a salesman, I would have wound up living under some railway overpass in a cardboard box, drinking vanilla extract.

For most of my life, I was too thin-skinned even to risk the pain of rejection and so I avoided it at all costs. I treated each of life's refusals as a personal affront.

A couple of lifetimes ago, I volunteered to sell ads in a baseball scorecard. It might have worked except asking others for their money for anything, no matter how worthwhile, seemed presumptuous and self-centred.

So, all wracked with guilt and filled with remorse I would sidle through some merchant's door, eyes downcast, and ask in the most self-deprecating way possible for his charity.

My approach almost demanded a negative response and when I got it I would slink back out to my car and sit there for half an hour wondering why nobody liked me.

Now, after 65 years of living, I understand the refusals of other human beings

whose agendas are not the same as mine are not personal rejections.

But I have inherited a gene for blabbing and in my dotage I like to talk to people too much to complete my rounds in a brief and efficient manner and so my chances of making a living at it are no better than I was young and thin-skinned.

In a day's hard slogging, I make just about enough to feed and clothe and house me, with nothing left over for the cause whose interests I am supposed to be advancing.

As it happens, I get nothing at all for my labours which is as it should be, because I am a volunteer.

Instead, I am rewarded by the kindness of strangers who help as much as they can and, mostly, are more saddened than I am when they refuse me. And almost always we talk, usually, talk too much.

The county has an astounding number of businesses. I have 200 on my list and

though I will never get to them all, that total only scratches the surface.

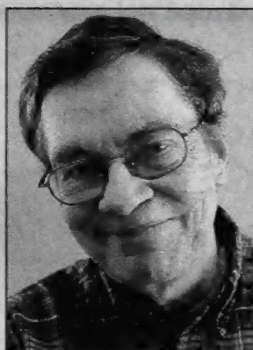
I talk to a lawyer about the days of his youth in Minden, to an electrician about the otters and moose in the pond outside his door, admire the original paintings in a car dealer's office, meet a rescue dog with hip dysplasia.

Another car dealer and a downtown merchant dispute the philosophy of my cause with such eloquence that I cannot walk away but when I do, I leave with nothing.

The true charities, the ones that help people in crisis, now

have the greatest needs just when businesses are having crises of their own.

A man looks at the store next door, where the phone and hydro have been cut off, and wonders whether his business will feed his family until spring. Another, in a business that should be immune from economic downturns, says sales are down



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

50 per cent from last year in this month that is always Haliburton's slowest.

Some days more fundraisers than customers come through the door. I might be the third gift-seeker that day and many stores seem to treat such requests as a kind of tax, though willingly paid.

The owner of one of the county's largest and best-known stores, says, "I don't know where people are shopping, because they aren't shopping here." He is filled with dismay at having to say no, because he never said no before this winter.

And on my rounds I see the future dreamed of by those who yearn for the suburbanization of Haliburton, who see big-box stores as a panacea, a solution to everything.

The manager of one chain store comes from the same place its profits go, somewhere else. Her store must give nothing back to the community.

No local charities. No newspaper advertising. No help for a family left homeless by a housefire.

She has her orders.

neilcampbell@xplornet.com

Cottagers already pay a big price

To the Editor:

As a former president of the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association and a seasonal resident of Minden Hills for more than 30 years, I am disappointed in the lack of initiative our council has chosen to take at this critical economic time by raising municipal tax. I cannot believe a long-term approach is not being taken.

Many of us who holiday and summer in the Haliburton Highlands view this as some of the best times of our lives, but it comes at a cost which I think sometimes might be taken for granted by politicians.

Let me point out that the properties of seasonal residences are second residences and northern communities have to understand all the stakeholders in their communities. Local politicians have to understand that some of their constituents, particularly those reaching what they hope to be their retirement years, have difficult choices ahead. The key point here being choices.

So I would suggest the council of Minden Hills consider communities such as Collingwood, Thornbury and Meaford – locations that offer year-round recreation in larger communities, often closer to larger communities that provide greater variety

and selection of stores and services. I point this out to highlight what many seasonal residents of cottage communities are pondering, choice. And one choice is to sell the house in the urban environment and sell the summer cottage and go to communities like those mentioned where one property serves two functions. This is the simple pressure of the marketplace.

Continual increase of costs for taxes for a seasonal resident is a point of concern, increased by the reality that many of us do not benefit from full services for our tax bill. We understand that we need to pay our fair share for the benefits of the communities

services we use and expect to do so. But as that financial responsibility increases then intelligent consumers will make a choice.

When you add the possibility of having an open pit uranium mine as a neighbour the choices of the marketplace become more noticed.

I would ask the council of Minden Hills to take a longer term view and re-work the 2009 budget for a zero increase; short term pain for longterm stability.

Paul A Bernard
Gull Lake

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Pan Am improvements 'doable'

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continues to be the colourful epi-centre for recreational paddling in Ontario."

In the early 1990s, Minden hosted the World Cup slalom races and she's continually asked when another "great race" will be held there.

When Toronto made its bid for the 2008 Olympics, Minden was considered as the location for the white water races. However, some of the very things that made the site so popular with racers, especially the natural beauty of the rock-strewn course, made Whitewater Ontario leery of recommending the site for Olympian-sized crowds. They worried how thousands of people could be squeezed safely along the river's bank and the long-term risk to the environment.

This time around, the association is fully behind the Pan Am bid and was part of the selection process.

"It's doable," Tayler says. Crowds for the Pan Am Games aren't as overwhelming and any barriers can be overcome with financial assistance.

In an email, Van Wijk says, "The Pan Am Games do promise some exciting benefits. The bid corporation has promised that all operating expenses will be covered and that they have slated \$2 million for capital expenses if needed."

"The catch is that they cover 56 per cent of venue costs – capital expenditures needed to hold the Pan Ams. The 44 per cent would need to come from private sources and from the community. We are lucky, as the Minden Wild Water Preserve was constructed in 1980 with holding high level competitions in mind, and thus the river is ideal the way it now 'runs.' But some infrastructure improvement would benefit the site: access for spectators would need to be looked at – parking, signage and a much needed trail along the river right side of the rapids (which is owned by the township of Minden Hills) would help reduce the risk to paddlers and locals driving up [Horseshoe Lake

Road]. Presently walking with your boat on your shoulder along the roadside it isn't quite the safest habit in this hilly roadway."

She says that Whitewater Ontario does not have the financial or volunteer resources to make all the improvements to the course should Toronto's bid be accepted.

In an email to the *Times*, the president and CEO of the Toronto bid, Jagoda Pike, said "It's too early to plan how we'll get the site Games-ready, but that will happen together with all partners, when the time comes."

Neither Minden Hills nor the county were part of the bid committee process but Reeve Jim McMahon is pledging his support.

In a press release issued last Thursday, he said, on council's behalf, that "we are extremely excited [that Minden Hills]... could be one of the hosts.... Our Minden Wild Water Preserve is a spectacular venue for participants and spectators alike with its breathtaking beauty."

"We will ensure that we work with the board of the Minden Wild Water Preserve to provide a wonderful experience for all involved if this bid is successful."

The *Toronto Sun* reported that infrastructure costs would be split between the federal, provincial and municipal governments. The costs concern McMahon but in a telephone interview he said, "If it will be a legacy, why not go for it?"

He said, "The thing that scares me is the location. It's a top-notch course but parking is always a problem for us. If Minden is chosen, something has to be put in place to handle the parking and spectators. We might have a golden [site] but if we don't have proper facilities, it will look bad on us."

It would be an "honour" to host some of the Pan Am Games and Minden Hills will be working with Minden resident Gary George, who is Whitewater Ontario's manager of the site, to do what's best for the site.

Robert Smith, head of the county's economic development department, says the Pan Am Games fits in well with



Jim Tayler, the president of Whitewater Ontario, and his family love the Minden Wild Water Preserve. His daughter, above, and son have competed there often. He'd like it to be the site of the kayak slalom races if Toronto wins its bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

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the department's mandate to enhance tourism. Now that Minden has been identified as the preferred site of the slalom races – a formal commitment has not yet been made – the county "has offered its services to the team."



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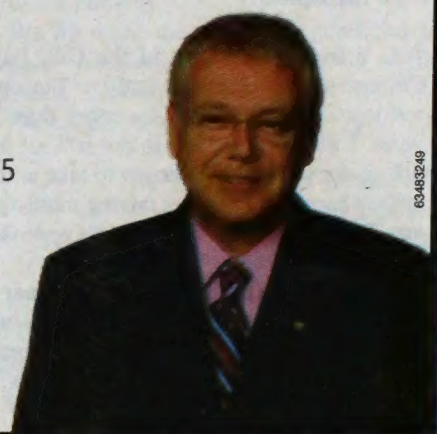
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Don't use vote to punish

To the Editor:

Last week's all-candidates meeting made it clear to me that only John Tory has the experience and influence to effectively represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on March 5.

Many people are upset at how this by-election came to be but voting to "punish" the PCs isn't going to help this riding get

its issues on the front burner at Queen's Park.

There are only two ridings in the province that are represented by the Leader of the Opposition and the Premier. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has an opportunity to be one of them on March 5.

Barbara Reid
Gull Lake

Highspeed available nearly everywhere

To the Editor:

In response to Tom Nicholson's letter, I have just recently discovered that high speed service is available nearly everywhere, including my "unimportant" property on Horseshoe Lake (we are also not

on the municipality's list). Both Rogers and Bell have "mobile wireless" USB gizmos that work perfectly for little cost.

Best regards,
Bonnie Fleischaker

Appreciate your politicians

To the Editor:

Lately, and maybe since the beginning of time, there has been little nice to say about politicians of any party or at any level. Today I'd like go against my own personal tendencies to give positive notice to some local politicians.

The people of Haliburton County at large and in Dysart and Minden Hills, particularly, should thank their lucky stars for county Warden Dave Burton and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who were quoted in last week's Times expressing "fear" and skepticism about Algonquin Highlands's airport expansion plan, as well as the council of Minden Hills which passed a motion of non-support on the same issue last summer. As a ratepayer in Algonquin Highlands I have to say that, when the elections roll around again, you should hold on to what (or whom) you've got!

If you don't appreciate them, I know some citizens who'd be willing to trade.

Your folks looked around them and saw real needs and asked for funding of projects with real benefits. Heck, your folks are even willing to protect you from our folks!

Cherish them.

On the other side, as always, another story - Reeve Eleanor Harrison of Algonquin Highlands and MP Barry Devolin look at the same information and see boosts for the economy and importance for the county. They need others to buy in.

At my other home, Vancouver, we are looking at Olympic cost over-runs and borrowing requirements approaching \$1.5 billion. The borrowing by Algonquin Highlands that will be required to complete this phase of the airport expansion is, when compared tax-base to tax-base, more than 15 times higher.

Yes, be happy with your politicians. At least on this point.

Oh! One more thing: Dysart et al residents in the vicinity of the airport might want to ask Mr. Fearrey if he knows which of your properties are directly under the new flight path (several) and which have actually been targeted for tree cutting to allow flight clearance (at least two).

I know the answers, but then, I've had the right people to fight to get the information.

Andy Muirhead
Cameron Lake

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Community Centre, 10 AM
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Pursuant to Section 391 of the Municipal Act, and according to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills is holding:

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- Cemetery
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Subdivison proposed for Hindon Lake

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A public meeting concerning a proposed 13-lot subdivision on Hindon Lake took a bizarre turn in Algonquin Highlands council chambers on February 19.

While about a dozen people showed up for the meeting, it was the complaints of two area residents that seemed to leave the property owner, the project's surveyor and members of council at a loss for words.

Property owner Michael Sanderson is proposing to create a 13-lot residential subdivision along the northeastern and western shorelines of Hindon Lake, southeast of Kushog Lake.

The creation of the subdivision would require amendments to the township's Official Plan and zoning bylaws. Sanderson has submitted an archeological and heritage assessment, a site evaluation report, a nitrate loading impact assessment, a storm water management assessment and a site development plan justifying the necessary amendments.

The project would also require approval from Haliburton County council, if it is passed in Algonquin Highlands.

However, it was not the content of the reports that were the source of complaints from Maurice Lambert and Michael Connor, two men who own properties abutting Sanderson's western shoreline strip.

Both men told councillors that water levels in the streams and beaver ponds on their properties have dropped to near non-existent levels since 2005, and Lambert as-

serted this was the result of a manmade rock dam he has seen in the bay in Sanderson's property.

"It's a dam put there by people," he said.

Sanderson, 48, who inherited his property from his uncle, said he has been vacationing there his entire life and had seen no noticeable drop in water levels.

"Nothing further has been done to that shoreline," he said. "No rocks have been left there."

Sanderson also contended that the bay Lambert was referring to was nothing more than a marsh that holds water only during the spring runoff.

"There are trees at least 20 feet tall on that area," he said.

However, Lambert maintained the water level in the area is being manipulated by humans.

"Someone has dammed the entrance at the bay," he said. "The beavers are gone and the dams have been damaged."

Connor made similar comments, adding that he'd even seen chainsaw marks on a beaver dam near his property.

Paul Wilson, the surveyor who prepared the nitrate loading assessment and site development plan for the proposed subdivision, also told Lambert and Connor he didn't know what they were talking about, but agreed to go with the two men to investigate the apparent rock dam once the snow melts in the spring.

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner said the local health unit would also be inspecting the property once the spring arrives and said it would be a number of months before council votes on the subdivision proposal.

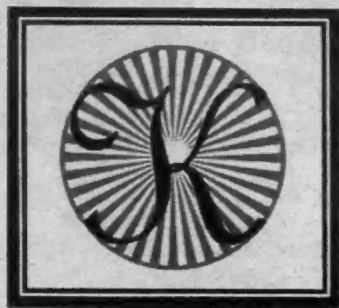
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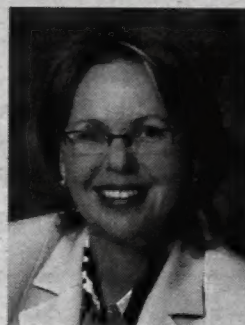
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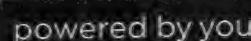
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The township acquired a deficit of \$375,000 in 2008,

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Minden Hills's chief administrative officer, Gerry Morrison could not be reached for comment before press time.

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Oxtongue Lake residents to form committee

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors will be meeting with a group of people from the hamlet of Oxtongue Lake who wish to form a committee to oversee the operation of the area's community centre.

Councillors received a letter from Scott Hayden, vice-president of the Oxtongue Lake Property Owners' Association, at a meeting on February 19.

"The residents of Oxtongue Lake strongly feel that we should not have to defend the use of our community centre," Hayden wrote. "In effort to indicate the importance of our hall to the current council, we have formed a committee."

Thirty outraged Oxtongue Lake residents made their way to Algonquin Highlands council chambers on November 20 to protest the potential closing of the community centre, which is an aging schoolhouse off Hwy. 60, approximately 80 km north of Minden.

A staff report received by council at that meeting showed that the usage rates for the Oxtongue Community Centre and Halls Lake's Club 35 were far below those of the township's other two community centres at Dorset and Stanhope.

At the November meeting, Oxtongue Lake residents emphasized that the community centre is central to the lives of the 300 people that live in the area and noted that it is used for a number of community events including meetings of the area's ratepayers' association and snowmobile club, as well as birthday and anniversary parties.

"They're committed and they're involved in the community," said Councillor Diane Griffin, who lives near Oxtongue Lake, as she reviewed the list of names included in Hayden's letter.

Along with Hayden, residents Marnie Brethour, Judy Clapp, Jan Helsel, Shelly Cousintine, and Fran Gower have volunteered to sit on a committee.

Currently, the key for the community centre is kept at a municipal office in Dorset. Oxtongue Lake residents must get permission from employees there, and then make the 30-kilometre trek to pick up the key, before they are able to access the building.

"The key is becoming a major issue right now," said the township's chief administrative officer, Lorne Mitchell.

In his letter, Hayden noted that, "even the fire department has no way to access the building in case of an emergency."

Councillors agreed that if a trust-worthy individual, perhaps the Oxtongue Lake fire chief,



Chad Ingram/File Photo

Residents from the community of Oxtongue Lake who wish to save the hamlet's community centre will be visiting with Algonquin Highlands council in the near future.

was willing to become the steward of the key, then it could be moved to the community.

Still, this system would require the ultimate approval of the township before anyone enters the building.

"I think it's important there's an increased sense of engagement... but I'm concerned that people can do whatever they want in and around a public building," said Councillor Carol Moffatt. "They have to have some jurisdiction clearly set out."

There was also discussion as to whether an official board should be created in Oxtongue Lake with regard to the operation of the community centre.

As Mitchell explained, "a board has the legal ability to operate the building outside of council."

While such a system would reduce the township's liabilities related the building, Moffatt thought the creation of a board was "way too much to ask."

Councillors agreed they would meet with the committee volunteers in the near future to lay out the specific responsibilities and duties of a committee.

Several thousand dollars' worth of improvements to the community centre are included in the township's budget this year.



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Stitches in time

Minden's Sparks and Brownies show off a quilt they recently created with the help of some local quilters. The quilt was donated to the YWCA last week for use in a safe house.

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- ☐ Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
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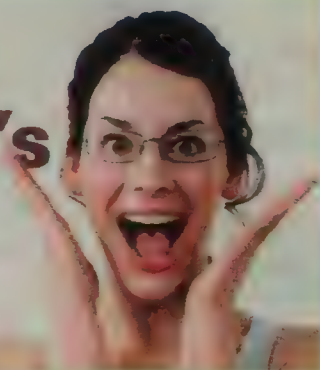
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Several families lined up to take rides in this hot air balloon, which was safely tethered to the ground.



Several children took advantage of the miniature snowmobiles, with more than a few taking crash landings.



Pals Everett and Aria turned plastics buckets into drums during a performance by the Junkyard Symphony.



Horse-drawn wagon rides were part of the day's events, with tours up and down Dorset's Main Street.



Graham Johnson, 11, looks on as Michou the clown sets to work creating a balloon animal. Michou was busy making balloon creations throughout the day in the lower floor of the recreation centre.

Cool times at Dorset Snowball

Photos by Chad Ingram

Hundreds of people made their way to Dorset on February 21 for the community's 19th annual Snowball.



Federal industry minister Tony Clement, left, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-Reeve Tom Gardner and Councillor Carol Moffatt helped the town crier officially kick off the event.



The day ended with a game of pick-up hockey at the Dorset Ice Palace.

Ontario champions!

After reaching the finals but never winning gold, high school curling team wins top provincial title

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

They zapped the competition at zones, wreaked havoc on their rivals at regionals, and at the provincial finals from February 19 to 21, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks curling team pummeled the best players in the province to become Ontario champions.

After winning their first two games in the Gore Mutual School Boy Provincial Championships at High Park in Toronto, skip Connor Duhamie, vice Curtis Nichol, second Jesse Walker, and lead Owen Duhaime knew they were advancing to the semi-finals as one of the top four teams in Ontario.

However, a 5-1 loss in game three against St. James from Guelph took them on a bit of a ride.

"We played really bad, me in particular," Connor says. "I don't know why we just had a really off game."

The boys fell behind by two or three points early and were forced to play catch up, but a attempted change of strategy just didn't pan out.

The loss put the Red Hawks second in their pool and up against not only the defending champions, but a team which dominated the tournament, taking all four sports on the first all-star team for highest shot percentage.

But the Red Hawks were better than flawless, stealing the third, fifth, and sixth ends to win the game 7-2.

The win put the Red Hawks in the top-two in the province and set up a great rematch against St James.

"It was pretty exciting going into the final," said Connor. "The whole last day you can't lose a game if you want to win it, so I had some butterflies in my stomach. Once we were out on the ice I'm fine once we get going."

"You could see it in their eyes," said coach Tom Dibblee.

In the champion game the Red Hawks stole two points



After losing one game in the Gore Mutual School Boy Provincial Championships in Toronto, the Red Hawk curling team rallied and won the final match to become the provincial champions. Skip Connor Duhaime, vice Curtis Nichol, second Jesse Walker, lead Owen Duhaime, and coach Tom Dibblee are hoping to repeat this win at the high school championships. They compete at the COSSA level today. Photo courtesy gorecurling.com.

in the first end and continued to, as Dibblee put it, "efficiently 'one-ed' them to death." The Red Hawks defeated their foes 5-2.

In capturing the provincial championship Connor says there wasn't one defining moment that won them the championship. Consistency was the key.

"Lots of good shots," said Connor. "On the last day we were all really sharp."

Owen's play was sharp and earned him a spot on the second all-star team. He had the second highest percentage of all male leads at the tournament.

When asked if the current team and competition were different from the past he said, "I think skillwise the teams of the past were as good as now, but we kind of clicked better."

So how does it feel to be the best in Ontario?

"Pretty good," said a nonchalant Connor.

"Pretty sweet," said younger brother Owen.

The boys have all been to provincial tournaments in the

past, both in curling and other sports, but never achieved the top spot. In fact the boys have a combined total of 17 provincial appearances.

"That was my fourth provincial [tournament]," said Jesse. "It's about time I won one."

The comment just goes to show how much these kids love to win.

With the win the boys received a team coat, plaque, provincial champion patches, and a beautiful banner which will have their names embroidered on it. They also received a big trophy which will reside at the high school for a year.

And the boys aren't done — well, at least that's their hope. They're currently undefeated in the Kawartha AA League and are playing Holy Cross at the Kawartha championship today.

If they win they will head to COSSA as A-side champions; with a loss they play for the B-side COSSA. Two losses on Wednesday would end the season, a scenario that isn't likely.



Fourteen Red Hawk wrestlers advance to today's COSSA

by PAUL KLOSE
Special to the Times

The HHSS wrestling team began its 2009 championship campaign last week at the Kawartha wrestling championships in Peterborough on February 18.

More than 160 athletes from 12 schools competed.

Red Hawk wrestlers had a respectable day with 14 athletes advancing to the COSSA championships on February 25 in Belleville.

Results:

Kawartha champions: Christianna Walker, Michael Mazara, Justin Bain

2nd Place: Sasha White, Mikaela Charlebois, Cody Griffin, Zane Zondervan

3rd Place: Nicole Mazara, Lily Coneybeare, Harley Foulds, Karl Kadwell, Jon Pawson

4th Place: Brittany Watson, Mitch Rea

Rough start for Hawks in game one

Hockey team loses 3-2 as semifinals begin

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Game one of the Kawartha AA semi-finals was a tough loss for the HHSS Red Hawks, a hockey team that barely takes penalties and works hard every game. But two unnecessary penalties and a strong power play from their opposition cost them the game 3-2.

It was a battle of the birds on February 23 at the Dysart arena when the Red Hawks hosted game one of a best-of-three series against the Thomas A. Stewart Griffons from Peterborough.

"They had a good power play and the top scorer in the league," said head coach Ron Yake of the tough loss. "We had so much pressure on them in their end they always had five guys [on the puck]. That's why back and forth hockey is sometimes an advantage with a fast team — you get odd-man rushes."

But those rushes were few and far between for the Red Hawks.

At puck's drop the pace was fast and furious and after two periods only one goal, believed to be a chest deflection, separated the two teams. The lead belonged to the Griffons.

But halfway through the third period the



Near-misses like this one by Brett Yake were commonplace on February 23 at the Dysart arena as the Red Hawks fell 3-2 to Peterborough's Thomas A. Stewart. Haliburton fights for its playoff life in game two on Thursday, February 26 in Peterborough.

Red Hawks tied the game with a great individual effort from Ashton Haley, who was able to get the puck past the Griffons' goaltender, bringing the score 1-1.

Five minutes later, on a four-on-four, the old Dysart barn erupted as Ian Bottom showed puck patience after taking a pass from Mark Vasey and roofing one past the keeper for a 2-1 lead.

But in less than a minute the Griffons tied the game. In the first 30 seconds the Griffons attacked the Red Hawks' zone and scored, but the referees quickly called the goal back, as a Griffons' player appeared to kick the puck in the net.

Within the next 30 seconds the Red Hawks took a penalty to give the Griffons a three-on-four power play. With the freedom to move the puck around, the Griffons found an open shooting lane and put one past a sprawling and helpless Red Hawks goaltender Alex Monk-Cray.

Again, only seconds later with the score knotted at two, the Red Hawks got a high-sticking penalty and again the Griffons

power play struck to regain the lead, 3-2.

The excitement continued to build as the Griffons took a penalty with just 2:19 left in the game giving the Red Hawks one last chance to tie it up and bring the game to overtime.

The Red Hawks peppered the Griffons' net with pucks but were unable to score in the first minute. With a stoppage of play at the 1:17 mark Yake pulled Alex from the net for an extra attacker.

The Red Hawks again peppered the net with opportunities but the Griffons' goaltender stood tall and Haliburton's time expired.

Post game Yake gave credit where credit was due.

"Their goalie stole the show, that's the bottom line," said Yake. "If their goalie doesn't play like he does we've got an extra few goals. I think just played position well."

While he hasn't had the chance to think much about a game plan for game two on Thursday in Peterborough, Yake's game

plan will be something of the same as in game one.

"We've got to be tough around the net and bang in those rebounds," he said. "We had lots of those chances, we've just got to be a little stronger on the puck."

Goaltender Alex Monk-Cray kept the Red Hawks in the game making a number of great saves throughout the game and especially in the third period.

"Alex had a fine game, he played well," said Yake.

Earlier in the season Alex was the starting goaltender when the Red Hawks defeated the Griffons.

Game notes

Goals: Ashton Haley, Ian Bottom. Assist: Mark Vasey

Red Hawks goaltender Paddy Manuge will get the start for game two on Thursday, February 26 in Peterborough.

Game time is 3:30 p.m. at the Evinrude Centre.

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RiverKings start playoffs

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Minden RiverKings head coach Brooks Robinson would have preferred to end the regular season with a win rather than a three-game losing streak. But now that his team is about to embark on the GMHL playoffs in their franchise's first year, the past is irrelevant.

"We've had a long year but we're pretty positive," said the Robinson on February 24, two days before the team makes the long trip to face the Elliot Lake Bobcats. "We know we've had our issues; we've overcome a whole bunch of adversity this year thanks to the guys. Now we're into the first round of the playoffs, which nobody saw us here."

On Thursday the team travels to Elliot Lake for the first two games of the best of five series, a team that Robinson says matches up well to the RiverKings. Robinson reiterates what he's said all sea-

son regarding the formula for his team's success.

"If we do what we're supposed to do and play our game we'll win this round of the playoffs," he said.

With the first two games in Elliot Lake it is Robinson's hope to take at least one game and then win at home.

"That's our goal, we think we can do that," he said. "It sure would be nice to win them here at home."

While history tells us that the overall regular season match up versus Elliot Lake has the Bobcats up 3-1 and outscoring the turtles 22-12, that doesn't tell the most accurate story.

In the two most recent games against the Bobcats the games were split 1-1 and the RiverKings outscored the Bobcats 10-9. In those two games RiverKings goaltender Andrew Selbie started, where in the first two games of the season he did not.

But Robinson knows there's plenty for the RiverKings to improve on if they're to make it past the first round and it starts with

special teams and the power play.

In the RiverKings final two games of the season the power play operated at exactly zero per cent; no goals in the last 19 chances on the man advantage.

"We've been working on [the] power play all week," said Robinson.

The penalty kill has been slightly better but didn't perform well on February 22 at home versus the Toronto Canada Moose who potted four goals on seven power play opportunities.

The previous game, however, against the South Muskoka Shield on February 17 in Gravenhurst, the RiverKings allowed only one goal on 10 opportunities.

"We have to just stay out of the penalty box," said Robinson. "As a team we have to just take the responsibility for it."

Team discipline has come a long way for the RiverKings since the start of the season back in September, but Robinson said there's still a ways to go.

Game one Thursday will be the ultimate litmus test.

Nordic skiers earn medals

The following brief reports of sports events at HHSS were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Tuesday, February 17

Maddie Ferracuti won gold in Nordic skiing for the second week - Kawartha and now COSSA gold. Claire Flatman and Daniel Wright earned silver. Cody Pringle took gold in the novices (first-year skier.) Josh Wright earned fourth place in the competitive junior field.

Wednesday, February 18

The girls' hockey team had an exciting game in Gravenhurst. Although they lost, the highlight was Samantha Tallman scoring a beautiful goal.

Thursday, February 19

The Red Hawks hockey team earned a 4-0 win against Campbellford to advance to the league semi-finals. Scoring for Haliburton were Mark Vasey with a hat trick and Ashton Haley.

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Junior basketball team ends a competitive year

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The overtime heroics of Damon Flatman on February 17 at the Nest may have extended the Red Hawks junior boys basketball season by only game, but for the crowd, the players, and the coaches it ended their season on a high note.

Haliburton hosted the Kawartha AA Wildcard tournament featuring a three-team mini tournament. After a losing a close game 39-37 against Port Hope in game one, Damon's long-distance successful two-ball and a tight Red Hawks defence stopped any last-second chance for Holy Cross.

The win secured the juniors a fourth-place berth into the Kawartha championships on February 19 in Lindsay, where the boys' season came to an end.

"We took that emotion [from the AA Wildcard game] to the first half [of the Kawartha championships]," said head coach Paul Longo. "But it just wasn't enough against Cobourg West, one of the best AA teams."

The juniors were involved competitively for nearly the entire game but fell 45-31.

Despite the boys' 3-12 record Longo was very pleased with the play of the boys all season, especially on defence.

"About eight of those losses were by less than seven points," said Longo. "The boys were very competitive all season long."



Matt James/TIMES

Red Hawks Andrew Elia drives past a Holy Cross on his way to the hoop. Andrew's late fourth quarter basket forced overtime where the juniors were victorious 41-39 in game two of the Kawartha AA Wildcard on February 17.

Minden Fast Lane bowling results

Minden 636 Seniors February 16
Men High Average: Ray St. Pierre 167
High Single: Ray McArthur 187
High Triple: Ray McArthur 473
High Single w/hdcp: Ray McArthur 249
High Triple w/hdcp: Tom Orr 681
Women High Average: Barb Ballantyne 158
High Single: June Anderson 164
High Triple: Barb Ballantyne 455
High Single w/hdcp: Marg Worrell 240
High Triple w/hdcp: June Anderson 672

Monday, February 9
Men High Average: Rick West 222
High Single: Brad Duckworth 328
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High Triple w/hdcp: Rick West 906
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High Triple: Carol Gilligan 572
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High triple w/hdcp: Dan Harding 756
Ladies: High avg: Marlene Robinson 181
High single: Barb. Nash 206
High single w/hdcp: Barb. Nash 254
High triple: Barb. Nash 551
High triple w/hdcp: Barb. Nash 695

Tues. aft. Feb. 17
Men: High avg: Ken Thompson 216
High single: Nick Biljetina 236
High single w/hdcp: Gerald Hadley 276
High triple: Nick Biljetina 638
High triple w/hdcp: Nick Biljetina 746
Ladies: High avg: Lillian Mattsson 182
High single: Lillian Mattsson 247
High triple: Lillian Mattsson 579
High triple w/hdcp: Mabel Clendenning 691

Wed. Feb. 18
Men: High avg: Ken Thompson 207
High single: Bill Fry 247
High single w/hdcp: Bill Fry 291
High triple: Bill Fry 7623
High triple w/hdcp: Bill Fry 755
Ladies: High avg: Carol Snow 173
High single: Carol Snow and Solveg Stout 193
High single w/hdcp: Solveg Stout 251
High triple: Carol Snow 524
High triple w/hdcp: Muriel Winterburn 682

Thur. Feb. 19
Men: High avg: Ken Thompson 212
High single: Bob McMath 242
High single w/hdcp: Bob McMath 282
High triple: Ross Henderson 643
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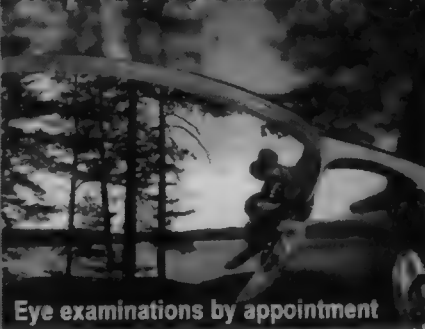
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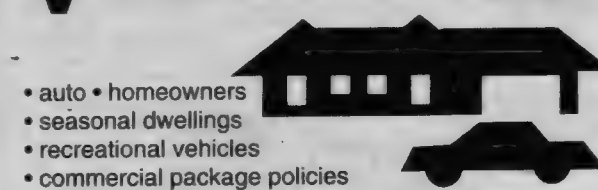
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DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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Despite mild temperatures and rain leading up to the annual Tall Pines/Lions Camp Dorset poker rally, Mother Nature came through with just enough cold, snow and sun to provide a beautiful Saturday for the event.

Once again, Gerry Ryerse of Waterford was the rider who brought in the most pledges totaling over \$1,600. Gerry works hard all year round to get as many pledges as possible for this great cause. Over the past few years Gerry's wife Donna and his friends are proud to say that he has donated over \$6,000 in pledges to Lions Camp Dorset. A job well done!!!

The Dorset Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 1 p.m. at the Dorset Library to discuss Stef Penney's *Tenderness of Wolves*. New members are always welcome. Contact Ruth or Sandy at 766-9969 for more information.

Watch for the Dorset News next week for all the Dorset Snowball winter carnival activity results!

Special birthday wishes for the week of February 22 to 28 go out to John Keown, Sarah Jane Johnson, James Radley, Nelly Vitkin and Happy Anniversary to Gail and Ted Hope. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Junkyard Johnny and Speedy Spence of the Junkyard Symphony put on a concert while teaching kids the importance of recycling at the Snowball Carnival, on February 21.

Notices



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON CLEARING and TREE REMOVAL OF THE RIGHT OF WAY COUNTY ROAD 21

Commencing at the intersection of County Road 18 at Ingoldsby and continuing easterly for a distance of 4.70 kilometers to Riseborough Lane.

A Mandatory site meeting will be scheduled prior to the Tender closing.

More information available on the County Web Site at www.haliburtoncounty.ca

Tender forms are available at the County Roads Department Office located on St. Germaine Street.

Closing date: Monday March 9, 2009
11:00 a.m. local time



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WINTER SAND QUOTATIONS

Forms may be picked up at the County Building, Roads Department Office located at 3 St. Germaine Street for the Supply, Screen & Stock Pile of Winter Sand at the Eagle Lake & Highland Grove Patrol Yards.

Closing date:
Monday April 6th, 2009 11:00 a.m.

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Doug Ray
Director of Public Works



PUBLIC MEETING

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE USE ON CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES RIGHT-OF-WAYS

The City of Kawartha Lakes will be holding a public meeting on

Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Coboconk Community Hall
9 Grandy Road, Coboconk

The purpose of the meeting will be to collect input from the public on the proposed network of All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trails (north of CKL Road #8) within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Documentation relating to the ATV trails will be available for review at 12 Peel St. (Public Works Operations) by Tuesday, February 16th, 2009.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting is asked to contact Karey Oliphant at 705-324-9411 ext. 1171 or toll free at 1-800-822-2225 ext. 1171, or by e-mail koliphant@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca. Public speaking will be limited to 2 minutes per person.

All input gathered at this meeting will be consolidated as part of the final report to City Council.

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Drop by the Hair Lounge and see Dala



STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson
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This Saturday, February 28, when you are wondering what to do, you can go over to the Hair Lounge and take in a repeat performance by Dala. Dala has been in our area a few times before with the most recent being at RiverFest last summer. They always put on a great show.

Here's where your luck comes in – there are tickets still available but I am told that they are moving fast.

The entertainment starts at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7 p.m.

Mark Christiano has arranged this evening of music and

as usual has asked me to do the cappuccino honours, so this week I will have to go and refresh my memory on how to operate the machine. Should come naturally for any Italian, but I guess I'm the exception.

If you have never had a cappuccino, this is your opportunity to sit and enjoy one with one of his delicious treats. You will become addicted!

For ticket purchases, information and reservations please call 489-1963 or by email thehairlounge9@gmail.com.

Another reminder that this February 27, the Stanhope kids' club meets again at the Stanhope community hall on North Shore Rd. The plan for this week is shuffleboard and pizza making. The time is 7 to 8:30 p.m. and is open for kids from the ages of six to 12.

The Stanhope kids' club meets on the second and fourth Friday of every month and the committee is pleased with the great turnout for this program.

If you require any information regarding this evening please call the recreation department at 766-9968 or by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

This winter I have done more driving than any other year

since moving up here. It has been a winter of close calls with deer, wild turkeys and fear of possible bad weather conditions. So far I'm winning.

If any of my readers have any news to share please drop me a line on pinereflections@sympatico.ca.

Have a great week!

New tree-planting program available for landowners

Want to replace forest lost by wind and storm damage?

A tree-planting program with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council provides a solution for woodlots damaged by storms.

The program is a partnership project with the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council aimed at supplying various tree species to landowners at a reduced rate in order to encourage responsible woodlot management.

It is a great opportunity for those who lost trees in recent storms to reforest and rehabilitate woodlots at a discounted price. There are a limited number of trees available and trees are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Native trees will be available to landowners within the County of Haliburton, based on an application which must be submitted to the Council.

The intent of the program is to provide landowners, meeting the eligibility criteria, with trees native to Haliburton's seed zone in order to support their efforts of sustainable woodlot management. Smaller properties and significant lands such as schools, waterfront and wildlife habitat will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The Stewardship Council is also offering a shrub and shoreline naturalization component to the program for landowners with diverse planting needs. Use of trees for aesthetic landscaping purposes is not permitted. Application deadline is March 1/09.

To obtain an application or for more information, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council at 705-286-5206 or lindsay.christie@ontario.ca or visit our website at www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton.

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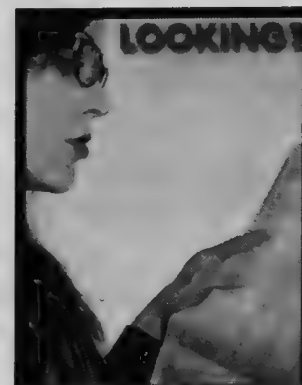


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community calendar

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- February 26: Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting – will be held at 1:30 p.m. Members please note the change in date and time.
- February 28: Farewell to February - Members of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network celebrate the end of February and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast at Minden's Grill on the Gull. Local journalist and videographer, George Farrell, will discuss writing for various modern media and how he "came to writing from a different background than most writers." A bargain at \$18 for members; \$20 non-members. Doors open at 9 a.m.; breakfast at 9:30. Advance registration by February 24 required. Call (705) 286-2592.
- March 1: S.E.A.L Meeting at Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre – Join us at 2 p.m. Speaker Frank Smith on sustainable gardening and sustainable living. All welcome, come and join in. Sustainable ecological alternatives for living, www.sealweb.org
- March 6: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 6: Haliburton County Folk Society presents Winter Folk Camp at the YMCA Wanikita. For more information see www.winterfolkcamp.com.
- March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce – From 9 :30 a.m. – noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- March 20: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 25: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events in the Highlands.

Cluster flies and touch screen computers don't mix



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Earlier problems with the highly sensitive new touch screen computer have finally been resolved. Since re-locating to a corner of the loft housing my husband Bruce's office I am safely out of reach from cluster flies hitting the brightly lit monitor and Clarence the cat rubbing up against it. There are other perks too. From my vantage point I can look down and watch the steady stream of customers coming to the kitchen porch birdfeeder. The majority are chickadees with a few blue jays mixed in but yesterday, perched on the snowmobile sleigh handle, there was a beige mourning dove with feathers ruffling in the brisk wind. I felt for her. On the downside I can see the dust on top of the upper kitchen cupboards otherwise invisible to the curious visiting eye. Meanwhile the combined heat from the woodstove and sunlight streaming into the living room below continues to make my little corner the warmest spot in the old farmhouse. I may just decide to stay right here until Spring.

Here are the scores from the Big Bucks Bid Euchre on February 17 at the Kinmount Legion. The top trio members in order were Hugh Fountain, Glenda Swanton and Chris Clarke while Pearl Lawton held the hidden score. This

popular event is held the third Wednesday of each month starting at 11 a.m.

The annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday, March 6 and in Kinmount the combined community service will be at St. Patrick's Catholic Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Each year the program is planned by the women of the featured country which in 2009 is Papua New Guinea. This approach provides the opportunity to also learn more about a country, its history, customs and peoples. Similar services will be held throughout our area on that day so do check with your local churches.

At the annual meeting of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild on February 22, local historian and author Guy Scott, chairman of the Kinmount Sesquicentennial Planning Committee, brought his fellow members up to date. The kickoff will be on Wednesday, April 1 at the post office on Main Street marking the official opening of Kinmount's post office back in 1859. Refreshments will be provided by Canada Post. The committee is looking for photographs and other items of local historical interest and if you have something to share please give Lynne Kilby a call at 488-2919. The celebration will be mainly from July 25 through August 2 which includes two weekends normally popular with summer visitors. Watch for further details. Guy's book, *Kinmount - A Community on the Fringe*, a fascinating read complete with many photographs and early documents, is available for purchase

at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.

The Kinmount United Church Women invite everyone, Irish or just wish-you-were, to a St. Patrick's Irish Stew Dinner & Loonie Auction on Friday, March 20 at the Kinmount Community Centre starting at 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door. This church, located high on the Cluxton Street hill, will also be celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2009 beginning as a Presbyterian congregation first meeting together in members' homes back in 1859. The beautiful building was constructed in 1867 and, as such, is the oldest church in the village.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

In last week's column the final six events did not appear due to space limitations so this week I will list them first.

Feb 21 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: John Deak led the white cards at 286 then our reporter Albert Foster 276 second, Marcel Roussel 242 third and Isobel Cherwenka 218 fourth. Topping the pinks was Pearl Cowen 291 followed by Elva Paisley 247, Gala Stamp 228 and Vi Howell tied with Edith Burch at 215. The two moonshots went to Marcel Roussel and Albert Foster.

Feb 23 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Verna McDonald and Bill Mosley with Pearl Cowen and Gwen Cox registering the high scores. Mabel Deacon took the low score of the afternoon while Gwen Cox and today's reporter Jeanne Keliele won the draws.

Feb 23 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members in order were Rose Isaacson, our reporter Pauline Franzen and Dorothy McElwain with Pauline also winning the draw. Six moonshots landed on Tom Grix, Sharron Atkinson, Dana Briscoe, Pat Lees, John Deak and Rose Isaacson.

Feb 23 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Pat Bailey won for high hands, Martha Harding for lone hands, Doreen French for low hands and our reporter Don Jemmett for the special prize.

Feb 23 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Linda Voycey on a three way draw while Jean Dutka won the bologna. Jean also took home the prize for high man with Ann McIvor high lady. The evening's lows went to Colleen Davison and our reporter Garth Windsor.

Feb 23 cribbage at Minden Legion: Top spot went to our reporter Elva Paisley followed by Gwen Cox and Sharron Atkinson. The evening's other prizes were claimed by Eileen Shapiera, Gala Stamp, Ann Cundall, Verna McDonald and Elva Paisley.

Feb 17 contract bridge at Club 35: Leading the scoring was Ev Morgan at 5140 then Betty

Dicker 3710 second and Linda Cherry 3330 third with Norma Crewson awarded the Shiny Penny.

Feb 17 euchre at Gelert: The lone hand holder was Kevin Maloney with Rita Crofts high lady and Isabelle Saunders low. For the gents Rick McElwain was high and Bruce Shepherd low while Hazel Benetin won the draw.

Feb 17 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: The top team members were Connie Sawyer and Cliff Davison at 312 then Colleen Davison and Merv Elstone second at 268. Third spot went to our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Alf Briscoe at 215 with Moe Briscoe and Beth Titus capturing the afternoon's low at 167.

Feb 17 bid euchre at Minden Legion: First for the ladies at 325 was Gala Stamp then Marcy Morgan 270 and Edith Burch 243. Jesse Barlow led the gents at 302 followed by Ida Young 260 and Marcel Roussel 232 with Marcel also taking a moonshot along with Karen Harrison and Ida Young. The draw winners were Maria Tschida, Sharron Atkinson, Bev Johnson and Kevin Maloney. Thanks to Jean Scadden for this update.

Feb 18 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell movement Doug McIntosh and Bruce Armstrong were first at 61% with Ross Davies and Stella McMillan second at 57%.

Feb 18 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on Chris Clarke, Mary Pearson, Sharron Atkinson, Helen Windsor and Colin Miller. Colin also led the white cards at 314 with Tom Grix 291 second and Dwain Lloyd 276 third. First for the pinks was Verna McDonald at 319 followed by Mary Pearson 288 and Pat M. 284 third.

Feb 19 Lone hand holders were Pat Roussel and Bob Pollard while Gala Stamp and Marcel Roussel recorded the high scores. Our reporter May Bradbury and Bob Cleverley had the evening's lows with John Mallon, Shirley Howe, Bob Pollard, Eileen Shapiera and Hazel Dorman.

Feb 20 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Tied for first place at 59% were Bruce Armstrong and Joan Galley and Peter O'Connor teamed with Ev Morgan. In second place were Lois Emmerson and Liv Andersen at 50%. Thanks to Muriel McIntosh for her bridge updates.

Feb 20 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Maria Tschida won for high hands, Carol Derbyshire for lone hands, Doreen French for low hands and Nick Boekestyn for the special prize.

Feb 20 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink power was with Dorene Elstone who led at 298 followed by Pearl Cowen 278 and our reporter Mary Pearson 272. Pat Scadden led the white cards at 338 with George Bye next at 302 and Jean Dutka 271 third while Linda Voycey held the hidden score.



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GAME 4

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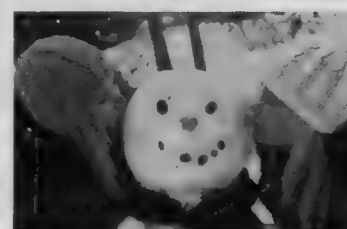
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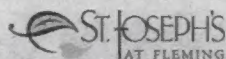
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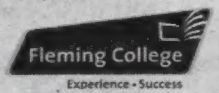
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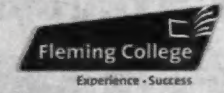
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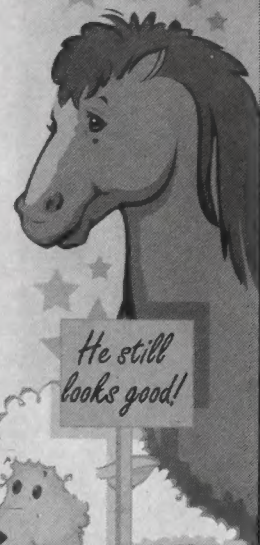
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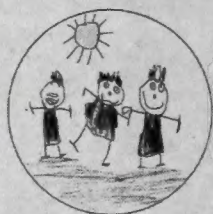
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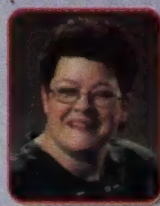
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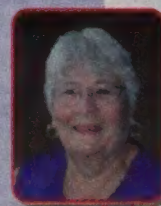
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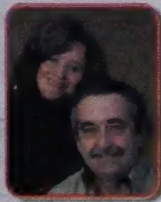
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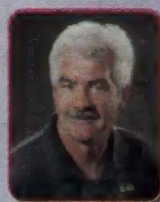
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